

# Church Would Suspend CIA's Covert Operations

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Washington, Jan. 14 (News Bureau) — Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said today that all covert operations of the Central Intelligence Agency ought to be stopped until Congress could draw up legislation to protect the nation's secrets.

But Church, in a breakfast meeting with reporters, made clear that he thought little of the covert operations.



Sen. Frank Church  
In the last 25 years, this country has been far more injured by covert operations than it has been helped," he said. Church called Secretary of State Kissinger, who strongly supports current covert operations in Angola and is said to have pushed for CIA funding of anti-Communist political parties in Italy, "a compulsive interventionist."

## Report Due Next Month

The Intelligence Committee will make its final report and recommendations on the CIA next month, and Church suggested today that Congress play a more important role in monitoring CIA covert programs.

The senator, who in the past has condemned the CIA as a "runaway" agency and a "rogue elephant" sometimes operating on its own, said that much of the responsibility for the most controversial CIA programs was Kissinger's. He said Kissinger, not the CIA, had pushed for the shipment of arms to Angolan forces, the operation to subvert the government of Chile's President Salvador Allende, a Marxist, and the political funding in Italy.

Church, who is expected to announce his presidential candidacy when the committee finishes its work, said that one way to discourage the White House from going ahead with a CIA operation over Senate objections would be for a majority of the Senate to vote to make such an operation public.

## Proposes Committee

he proposed a nine-member committee to monitor intelligence activities. Each member and staffer would serve no longer than six years, he said, to keep the panel from becoming a "captive" of the agencies.

Church also made these proposals to revamp intelligence operations:

- That the CIA be barred by law from assassinating anyone or overthrowing elected governments.

- That the Internal Revenue Service, which gave 29,000 income-tax files to other govern-

ment agencies last year, prohibited from such a practice.

- That the Federal Bureau of Investigation's basic powers, which have been defined by each President, be clearly detailed in law.

## ANOTHER 'EXPOSE'

A "radical" French publication has listed the names of 33 Americans assigned to the Paris Embassy who, it says, are Central Intelligence Agency workers.

The information seems to have been compiled with the aid of Counterspy, an American magazine that specializes in making trouble for the CIA. Using the same source, a Greek leftist sheet identified the CIA's Athens station chief Richard Welch, who was assassinated a short time later.

It is interesting to note that an advisor and valued contributor to Counterspy is Philip Agee, a onetime CIA operative who wrote a tell-all book about the agency with —he admits—"encouragement" from Cuban officials.

Agee and Counterspy claim they want to protect the U.S. from the CIA. Their real goal is to destroy the agency, and to do it they are willing to pronounce possible death sentences on CIA men by exposing them.

This comes close to setting an all-time low in the perversion of the precious rights Americans enjoy.